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Advance Journal and Calendar

20th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Senate called to Order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Reverend Ruby Parker, Interfaith Minister and Chaplain from Scarborough.

National Anthem Performed by the Skowhegan Area Middle School Band.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David P. LaFountain of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Maintaining Drug-involved Premises"
H.P. 820 L.D. 1295

(1-2) Bill "An Act Regarding Transition Coordination, Prisoner Attendance at Funerals,
Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts at County Jails"
H.P. 826 L.D. 1301

(1-3) Bill "An Act to Provide That the Legal Use or Possession of Cannabis Is Not a Violation
of Probation, Parole or Pretrial Release"
H.P. 836 L.D. 1311

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

(1-4) Bill "An Act to Give the Governing Board of a Municipality Input into the Budget
Developed by a School Board"
H.P. 825 L.D. 1300

(1-5) Bill "An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities
by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 834 L.D. 1309

(1-6) Bill "An Act to Increase School Security Through Design and Protocol"
H.P. 839 L.D. 1326

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL
AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

(1-7) Resolve, to Ensure Compliance by the State with an Agreement Regarding the Operation of the Landfill in Old Town

H.P. 843 L.D. 1330

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

(1-8) Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health

H.P. 830 L.D. 1305

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

(1-9) Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 829 L.D. 1304

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

(1-10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Opioid Education Requirements"

H.P. 838 L.D. 1323

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

(1-11) Bill "An Act to End Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund"
H.P. 818 L.D. 1293

(1-12) Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase
Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals"
H.P. 819 L.D. 1294

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered
printed.

(1-13) Bill "An Act to Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List
Residential Real Estate for Sale"

H.P. 831 L.D. 1306

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION,
DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

(1-14) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Bail Code"

H.P. 824 L.D. 1299

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

(1-15) Bill "An Act to Fund a Public Defender's Office Through a Tax on University
Endowment Income"

H.P. 841 L.D. 1328

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

(1-16) Bill "An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Under the Workers' Compensation Law for Line Workers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder"
H.P. 827 L.D. 1302

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

(1-17) Bill "An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program"
(EMERGENCY)
H.P. 835 L.D. 1310

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

(1-18) Bill "An Act to Notify School Boards and Select Boards That Lobbying Associations Are Not Governmental Agencies"
H.P. 822 L.D. 1297

(1-19) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Statewide Election
H.P. 832 L.D. 1307

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

(1-20) Bill "An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing"

H.P. 823 L.D. 1298

(1-21) Bill "An Act to Exempt Boats and All-terrain Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax"

H.P. 828 L.D. 1303

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

(1-22) Bill "An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles"

H.P. 821 L.D. 1296

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

(1-23) Bill "An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency"

H.P. 840 L.D. 1327

(1-24) Bill "An Act to Allow Delivery of Maine Craft Beer"

H.P. 842 L.D. 1329

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**Pursuant to Statute
Administrator of the unorganized territory**

(1-25) Report of the **Administrator of the unorganized territory**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 833 L.D. 1308

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-26) Jed Gilpatrick, of Brewer, a student at Brewer High School, who was named the Class B North Boys Ice Hockey Coaches Association Player of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 198

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Joint Resolutions

(1-27) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 817

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
MARCH 2023 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation's struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children's rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, rules and policies; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2023 as Social Work Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, Orono, School of Social Work; the University of Maine, Presque Isle, College of Professional Programs and Education, Social Work; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; Saint Joseph's College, Social Work program; and the National Association of Social Workers, Maine Chapter.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-28) Raymond Ludger Tetreault, of Harpswell. Mr. Tetreault worked at the family business, Tetreault's Market, in Brunswick before working at Bowdoin College and Shaw's Supermarket. He and his wife of 60 years, Violet, later started their own family business, The Vegetable Corner, in Harpswell. He was a parishioner of All Saints Parish. Mr. Tetreault will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 88

Comes from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 236

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Mark Isaacson of Cumberland to Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Mark Isaacson of Cumberland for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 237

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor to Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 238

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable David R. Hastings of Fryeburg to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable David R. Hastings of Fryeburg for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §1002, this Reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 239

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Richard Metivier of Lewiston to the Board of Trustees of the Maine
Public Employees Retirement System

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Richard Metivier of Lewiston, for reappointment to the Board of
Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, this reappointment is contingent on Confirmation by the
Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 240

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of John H. Kimball of Norway to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate John H. Kimball of Norway, for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, this reappointment is contingent on Confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 232

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 23, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Costain of Plymouth, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 702 An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested
 Juveniles

Sincerely,

S/Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 233

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

March 21, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Fay of Raymond, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1130 An Act to Reduce the Burden of Asset Recovery on Family Caregivers

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 234

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

March 20, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Tipping of Penobscot, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 359 An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call
Wait Times

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 235

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 22, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 970 An Act to Provide for the Humane Treatment of Chickens

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab"

S.P. 554 L.D. 1389

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CURRY of Waldo, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, WORTH of Ellsworth.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Combat Unwanted Telephone Solicitations"

S.P. 544 L.D. 1379

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Protect Utility Customers and Improve Disclosure of Political and Advertising Spending by Public Utilities and Their Affiliates"

S.P. 553 L.D. 1388

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-4) Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Examine Programs and Policies Regarding Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

S.P. 560 L.D. 1393

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports to the Legislature Concerning Child Welfare"

S.P. 542 L.D. 1325

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, ZAGER of Portland.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease"

S.P. 547 L.D. 1382

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, BOYER of Poland, FREDERICKS of Sanford, JAVNER of Chester, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MORRIS of Turner.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges"

S.P. 541 L.D. 1324

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, LYFORD of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Regulate Insurance Carrier Prior Authorization Requirements for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services"

S.P. 548 L.D. 1383

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, COPELAND of Saco, GEIGER of Rockland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Ensure That All Maine Children Have a Healthy Start by Providing Single-payer Health Care Insurance to All Children"

S.P. 552 L.D. 1387

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs"

S.P. 562 L.D. 1395

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: BAILEY of York, Representatives: MATHIESON of Kittery, MORRIS of Turner, SKOLD of Portland.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Regarding Employee Liability"

S.P. 550 L.D. 1385

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish.

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program"

S.P. 561 L.D. 1394

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GEIGER of Rockland, MALON of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associated with the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program"

S.P. 545 L.D. 1380

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Create Fairness in Maine's Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Basing the Tax on the Sale Price"

S.P. 546 L.D. 1381

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Promote Fairness in the Taxation of Adult Use Cannabis by Basing the Excise Tax on the Tier of a Cultivation Facility"

S.P. 549 L.D. 1384

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: RANA of Bangor.

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Require That a Completed Form for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Be Provided to a Person Purchasing a Home"

S.P. 551 L.D. 1386

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Change How the Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated"

S.P. 559 L.D. 1392

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representative: BOYER of Poland.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services in Rural and Other Areas"

S.P. 557 L.D. 1390

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GUERIN of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Guilford.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-19) Bill "An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries"

S.P. 543 L.D. 1378

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative: RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Limit Cannabis Cultivation Licenses to Protect the Cannabis Market"
S.P. 558 L.D. 1391

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland,
GROHOSKI of Hancock, RENY of Lincoln.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Nezinscott Farm, in Turner, which has received the James Beard Foundation annual America's Classics Award in recognition of the farm's having a locally owned restaurant with timeless appeal that is beloved for having quality food reflecting the character of its community. Nezinscott Farm, the Northeast Region Winner, is one of only six restaurants from across the Nation to receive this award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 302

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

(4-2) David Rackliffe, of Weld, a lieutenant with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, who has been named the department's Deputy of the Year for 2022. Lieutenant Rackliffe distinguished himself with his leadership and managerial skill while serving to mentor, monitor and assist in the continual education and growth of the entire patrol division. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 303

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-3) the Mt. Blue High School Boys Nordic Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's second consecutive state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 304

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

(4-4) the Mt. Blue High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's third consecutive state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 305

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

(4-5) Henri McCourt, of Farmington, a member of the Mt. Blue High School Nordic Ski Team, who won the 5K Classic and Nordic Freestyle Events at the Class A Boys State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 306

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

(4-6) Johnny Lettre, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School and a member of the wrestling team, who won the Heavyweight Division at the Class A State Championship and was named All-Class State Champion. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 307

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

(4-7) Emma Brown, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School, who won the 400 Meter Event at the Class B Girls State Indoor Track and Field Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 308

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

(4-8) Emily Kennard, Lillianna Choate, Anabelle Orth and Addison Burnham, of Augusta, students at Cony High School, who won the 400 Free Relay Event at the Class A Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 309

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

(4-9) Emily Kennard, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School, who won the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Backstroke Events at the Class A Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 310

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

(4-10) Nghia Ha, of Mexico, who has been named the 2023 Volunteer of the Year by the River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 311

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-11) Glenn Gordon, of Mexico, who has been named the 2023 Employee of the Year by the River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 312

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-12) Pennacook Falls Investments, of Rumford, which has been named the 2023 Business of the Year by the River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 313

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-13) Davis Florist, of Rumford, which has received the 2023 Customer Service Award from the River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 314

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-14) Friends of the River Valley, of Rumford, which has received the 2023 Non-Profit/Leadership Award from the River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 315

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-15) Jane Goodman, of Farmington, to whom the Town of Farmington has dedicated its Town Report in recognition of her many contributions to her community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 316

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

(4-16) the Presque Isle High School Girls Basketball Team, which won the Class B North Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 317

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-17) Mikaela Spooner, of New Sweden, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 318

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

Joint Resolutions

(4-18) On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Representative **SAMPSON** of Alfred and Senators: **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **KEIM** of Oxford, **LIBBY** of Cumberland, Representatives: **BRENNAN** of Portland, **MORRIS** of Turner), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 555

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
APRIL 2023 AS NATIONAL FINANCIAL CAPABILITY MONTH**

WHEREAS, managing personal finances is more complicated and more important than ever before; and

WHEREAS, high-quality personal financial education is essential in all stages of life to help individuals better manage their money, credit and debt and to be responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, promoting financial education will help empower individuals to make better-informed decisions, enabling them to live prosperous lives and pass on their assets to future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is important to continue providing financial education to Maine youth to help them become financially capable adults who can fulfill their dreams and aspirations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2023 as National Financial Capability Month and recommit ourselves to promoting financial education to help people attain prosperous futures for themselves and their families.

(4-19) On motion by President **JACKSON** of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Speaker **TALBOT ROSS** of Portland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 556

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
MAINE AND TAIWAN, ENHANCE BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH
TAIWAN AND SUPPORT TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION**

WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a robust bilateral relationship marked by a mutually beneficial partnership and supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy, and our countries now enjoy the strongest relations ever; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's 2nd-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the 8th-largest trading partner of the United States as of 2022, with United States trade in goods with Taiwan totaling an estimated \$135.5 billion in 2022, and Taiwan was the 6th-largest consumer of agricultural goods in 2022, totaling \$4.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan-Maine bilateral trade reached \$61.2 million in 2022, and Maine exported to Taiwan \$33.2 million in machinery, electric machinery and fish and other marine products, making Taiwan Maine's 18th-largest export market in the world, and a formal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States would result in even greater Maine exports to Taiwan and create more jobs for the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, President Tsai has expressed Taiwan's desire to reach a bilateral trade agreement with the United States, and the 116th United States Congress's Public Law 116-135, "Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019," affirms that the United States should engage in strengthening bilateral trade and economic relations with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Maine's Department of Education and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan) entered into a memorandum of understanding to strengthen and enhance educational exchange and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, making its inclusion in international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization imperative for the best interests and safety of the international community, and, in addition, Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is necessary in the global effort to combat climate change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, support a stronger United States-Taiwan relationship under the Biden administration, including the signing of a bilateral trade agreement, encourage the further exploration of ways to strengthen and promote bilateral exchange between Maine and Taiwan, including signing a driver's license reciprocity agreement with Taiwan in the near future, and support pursuing ways to further increase trade and people-to-people exchanges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we support Taiwan's legitimate right to participate in international organizations, agreements and mechanisms; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Janet Mills, Governor of Maine, the Honorable Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Honorable Jonathan Sun, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Massachusetts.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

(5-1) The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation"

H.P. 837 L.D. 1322

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Ought to Pass

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers"

H.P. 265 L.D. 432

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-3) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Increase Support for the Modernization of the Board of Pesticides Control by Increasing the Annual Pesticide Registration Fee"

H.P. 12 L.D. 8

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-7)**.

(5-4) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 241 L.D. 390

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-8)**.

Senate

Pursuant to Public Law

(5-5) Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical Assistant"

S.P. 563 L.D. 1396

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 587, section 3.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents"
H.P. 9 L.D. 5

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties"
H.P. 83 L.D. 137

(6-3) Bill "An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property"
H.P. 90 L.D. 144

(6-4) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 243 L.D. 392

(6-5) Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Reportable Accident'"
H.P. 357 L.D. 552

House As Amended

(6-6) Bill "An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism"
H.P. 89 L.D. 143
(C "A" H-6)

Senate As Amended

(6-7) Bill "An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board"
S.P. 72 L.D. 133
(C "A" S-9)

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

(7-1) An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation

S.P. 41 L.D. 49
(C "A" S-8)

Emergency Measure

(7-2) An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation Permits

H.P. 183 L.D. 285

Acts

(7-3) An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities

S.P. 23 L.D. 31

(7-4) An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan

S.P. 169 L.D. 362

Resolve

(7-5) Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury

S.P. 152 L.D. 331

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 8 L.D. 1

Tabled - January 17, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, December 7, 2022, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Leon J. Tanguay, of Sanford

SLS 107

Tabled - February 9, 2023 by Senator **HARRINGTON** of York

Pending - **ADOPTION**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Carter Butterfield, of Phillips

SLS 157

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Provide Rural Sober Living Housing for Mothers"

H.P. 712 L.D. 1116

Tabled - March 21, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 9, 2023, on motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, House **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.)

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Assess a Slip Fee on Megayachts Registered in Overseas Tax Havens"
H.P. 749 L.D. 1177

Tabled - March 21, 2023 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

NOMINATION - of Dr. Fernande Desjardins of Saint Agatha for reappointment to the State Board of Education

S.C. 198

Tabled - March 21, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - memorializing Dan Davis, of Hallowell

HLS 181

Tabled - March 23, 2023 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **ADOPTION** in concurrence

(In House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.)
